

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 33

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 89

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 33—Relative to the Nello Irwin Greer Memorial Bridge.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 33, Hollingsworth. Nello Irwin Greer Memorial Bridge.

This measure would designate the bridge on State Highway Route 8 that crosses Pine Valley Creek, as the Nello Irwin Greer Memorial Bridge. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs.

WHEREAS, Nello Irwin Greer was born on March 9, 1922, in Phoenix, Arizona and, after briefly residing in Victorville, California, moved to St. Johns, Arizona where he spent his formative years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Greer lived on the Greer Ranch in St. Johns, which resembled a setting from a Louis L'Amour story; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Greer fought during World War II, serving with General George S. Patton, Jr. at the Battle of the Bulge; and

WHEREAS, After returning from the war, Mr. Greer began his career with the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in 1948, advancing to an engineering position and working on many state freeway projects in San Bernardino, California; and

WHEREAS, In 1960, Mr. Greer moved to District 11 in San Diego, California, where he lived until retiring from Caltrans in 1977, and some of his projects there include State Highway Route 163 from State Highway Route 8 north to the Geneese exit, the design of the first bridge on Friars Road with 13 lanes of traffic, as well as various other projects throughout the county; and

WHEREAS, The Pine Valley Project was by far the most incredible of Mr. Greer's projects; while Caltrans wanted the project's freeway to run through the town of Pine Valley, California, Mr. Greer moved the project to the location where it currently exists, overcoming numerous obstacles to complete it; and

WHEREAS, One such obstacle was the design of a new bridge that was over 800 feet high, and Mr. Greer suggested its construction as a hollow bridge; and

WHEREAS, The construction of the bridge in the Pine Valley Project received many engineering awards, and the projected removals and quantities

to finish the Pine Valley Project along with the tightest budget in Caltrans history, earned Mr. Greer many awards and recognition throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, After retiring, Mr. Greer worked for an engineering company that sent him all over the world designing and supervising the projects that he had designed, including the Glenwood Canyon Project (Interstate 70) in Glenwood, Colorado, that, was named the eighth man-made wonder of the world; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Greer was involved with many organizations during his career that include Toastmasters and the California State Employees Association, where he was involved on the state and local levels, and he also was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Greer died on August 15, 2002, with his wife by his side; and

WHEREAS, His family includes his wife and two adopted sons, Charles Dunnington Greer and Scott Irwin Greer, and one adopted daughter, Leslie Leora Huch, and nine foster children; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of the distinguished life of Nello Irwin Greer and his extraordinary contributions to the transportation system of this state, it would be a fitting tribute to designate the bridge on State Highway Route 8 that crosses Pine Valley Creek as the Nello Irwin Greer Memorial Bridge; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby designates the bridge on State Highway Route 8 that crosses Pine Valley Creek as the Nello Irwin Greer Memorial Bridge; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost, erect those signs; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the author for appropriate distribution.